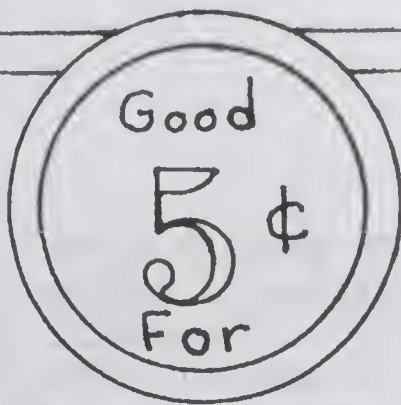


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our semi-annual business meeting at the Kalamazoo State Show was something of a disaster, to say the least. While ~~our~~ meeting time and date were announced far in advance, somehow the state boys did not get the information.

Consequently, our "business meeting", with five persons present, was not held. Those in attendance were: Bruce Schadler, Ed Bawden, the President and Secretary and the newest Mich.-T.A.M.S. member, five week old, Shannon Cunningham. More Mich.-T.A.M.S. members were on the bourse floor than in the meeting, although, in all fairness, we should not castigate them for attending to their business as dealers.

Perhaps in the future we would be well advised to change our spring business meeting from the Spring M.S.N.S. Show to our own Summer Picnic. THANK ABOUT IT... The picnic has been, and probably will continue to be, the largest gathering anytime in the year for Mich.-T.A.M.S. members.

Let me know, via the mail, what your feelings are on this matter, or let me know at the Summer Picnic. I have decided to call a "special meeting" at the picnic to discuss this organizational matter and a few others that I have listed here: (1) Official Mich.-T.A.M.S. logo. Do we need one? If we do, let's have a contest. (2) The Mich.-T.A.M.S. is officially certified with the state of Michigan as a non-profit organization. Should we continue this practice? (3) Mich.-T.A.M.S. has been kicking around the acquisition of a mimeograph machine (black print) for some time now. Do we need such a machine? Can we make it pay for itself? (4) With the Constitution being printed in the May issue, we've all had a chance to read again our guidelines. If you've read carefully, you have noticed a few things that perhaps need changing or re-wording, or perhaps deletion. Some passages seem to be in direct conflict with others.

Here are articles in the By-laws which caused me to stop and read again: Art. 1-1, 2-4, Amendments 2-4, 3-1, 4-B-2, and 4-B-4. Read them again before the picnic.

I hope all of you can make the summer picnic. Look for lots of good food and token fellowship....

president's message.....

We would like you to bring an exhibit also! I have already arranged for three trophies to be given in addition to ribbons for all participants. We shall have display cases available for you if you will contact me before July 21.

This is the official call for nomination for Mich.-T.A.M.S. officers for 1979 - 1980. Nomonations may be made by any member in good standing by writing the Secretary. The nominee will then be contacted, to accept the nomination in writing. This should be done immediately as the nominees are to be listed in the Fall Junk Box. Incidentally - your President will not be a nominee in this election. Also, three positions for Board Members ars open.

In the way of "newsy" items, it has come to our attention by way of the grapevine, that Alice Penzes and Harold Snyder have been laid up recently. We extend our best wishes for their full and speedy recuperations.

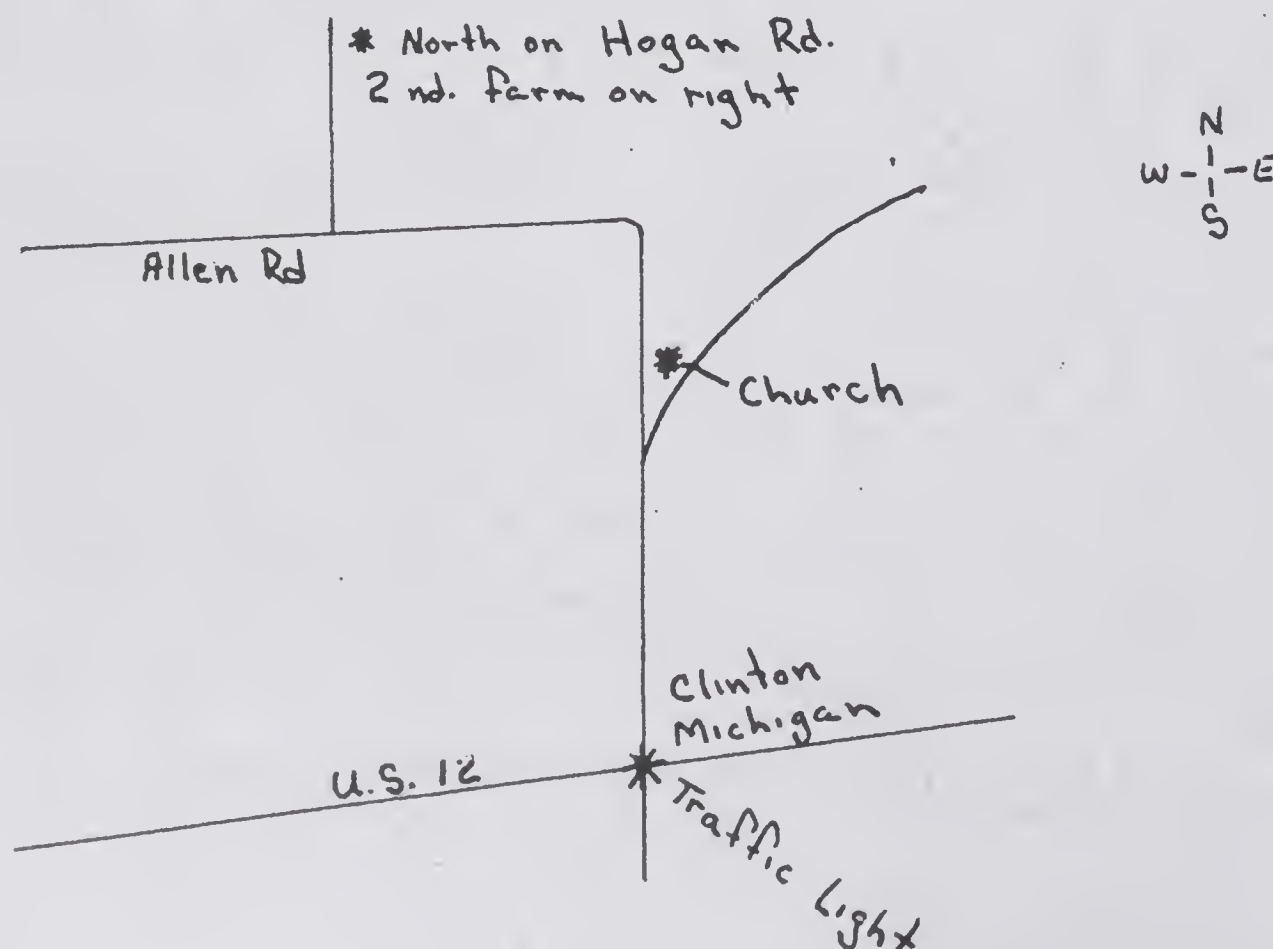
Going to the picnic??? Be sure to ask Marie or me for your free picnic token. Can't make it? Send 50¢ to me and I'll fire one right back to you. All profits from this sale of tokens will go into the Mich.-T.A.M.S. treasury.

Paul Cunningham

" ANNUAL FARM PICNIC "

More and more from further and further distant points..., would be one way to describe the annual picnic given by Mich.-T.A.M.S. member Marie A. Johnson and her husband Bill on their beautiful spacious farm lawn in Clinton, Mich. No other single event in Michigan brings more token and medal collectors together for the sole purpose of being together with fellow exonumists; and this year will be no exception.

It's soon, Sunday July 30, so you'll just have time to make it. Plan to arrive by mid A.M. and spend the day. Turn north at the traffic light in Clinton. Proceed on the blacktop until the road veers to the right. You will leave the blacktop here, so follow the signs to a day of buying, selling, swapping. Bring your tradin stock &/or your spending money.



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President.....Paul Cunningham
Vice-President...Steve Penzes
Secretary.....Alice Penzes
Treasurer.....Sue Cunningham

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Quarter Page.....\$2.50
3 or 4 lines in classified ads
are free to members.

(Paid advertising help us
finance our issues and enable
us to have larger and extra
issues.)

Membership Dues

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Michigan 49286

Invite your friends to join
the Michigan Token And Medal
Society.

Mailing Address

"The Junk Box"
c/o Fred Smith
P.O. Box 23
Bellevue, Mich. 49021

New Members

Youngest Member -- Shannon
Cunningham, a Mother's Day
arrival, is Mich.-T.A.M.S.
youngest member. Our full
congratulations to Paul and
Sue, and sincere wish for
many prosperous years to
Shannon.

*** DUES ***

The Secretary's Dream

I fell asleep the other night
And while I had my snooze,
I dreamed each member stepped right up
And promptly paid his dues
But when I found 'twas but a dream
I nearly threw a fit,
It's up to you to make it true
SUGGESTION....PLEASE REMIT.

Dues are payable as of Jan.1
of each year; it would be great to
receive your "1978" dues.

Did You Know??

(1) The Encased Postage Stamp had its
birth in New York City, and was the
invention of John Gault; under a patent
dated from July to August, 1862.

(2) On June 8, 1864, a law was passed
which prohibited private coinage of any
kind. This included all tokens or other
devices for use as money.

(3) When the first sales-tax laws were
passed, some forty years ago, the tax
was paid with tokens rather than cash.

(4) That "maverick" tokens are tokens
that don't say where the business is
located.

(5) Aluminum was not commonly used until
after 1893, so tokens of that medal would
usually be of a later date.

From the Editor's Desk

"The brave men, living and dead,..."

The Battle of Gettysburg, one of the most important battles of the Civil War, was fought on July 1, 2, and 3, 1863. In the three days at Gettysburg, the Confederates, under General Lee, lost 28,000 men of the 75,000 that Lee had led into the North; while the North lost 23,000 of their 88,000 under General George G. Meade. The defeat at Gettysburg and the defeat at Vicksburg on the Mississippi, coming on the same day, marked the beginning of the end for the shattered Confederacy.

In his famous speech on Nov. 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln dedicated the battlefield of Gettysburg as a national cemetery for the soldiers who were killed in that battle of the Civil War. President Lincoln also made a statement that holds true for all free men even thru today, in: "... we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

The Grand Army also did their part by presenting the Union Veterans who fought at the Battle of Gettysburg with the "BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG MEDAL". This medal, with a red, white & blue ribbon, has the bust of Lincoln on the face of the medal, with: "Gettysburg Nov. 19, 1863 - Abraham Lincoln" around the edge of the obverse. The Gettysburg Address in its entirety is inscribed on the reverse.

When I think of the history behind this medal, I begin to think it may very well be one of my most prized possessions.

From Our Members

Alan T.C. Weighell #243 sends three rubbings of Michigan tokens: (1) IT'S TULIP TIME IN HOLLAND EVERY YEAR IN MAY/HOLLAND, MICH.(windmill, tulips). rev.- MAY 16 - 19, 1951/REDEEM BEFORE JUNE 1, 1951/GOOD FOR/(25¢ on a shoe)/IN TRADE/HOLLAND, MICH. (steel, R, 31mm.): (2) WM. FRANCIS/AKRON, MICH. rev.- GOOD FOR/5¢/IN TRADE (A, R, 19mm.): (3) THE CORNER STORE THAT GIVES YOU A SQUARE DEAL/CAPITOL CLOTHES SHOP/COR./WOODWARD/AND/CONGRESS STS/DETROIT, MICH. rev.- YOUR MONEY BACK IF NOT SATISFIED/GOOD/FOR/\$1.00/ON SUIT OR/Overcoat (B, R, 32-1/2mm.) Anyone interested in obtaining these can write Mr. Weighell at: 1 Royal Orchard Blvd., Apt. 502, Thornhill, Ontario L3T 3C1, Canada.

Alan also writes, "There was an article on the Clown tokens requesting information of the same on page 4, Oct. 1975 and page 6, Jan. 1976 Junk Box. I happen to come across an article in the March 1968 issue of the Fare Box, by Ken Smith, Foreign token cataloguer, listing this token and a few others as being English Fruit Machine Tokens, used in their slot machines, or one armed bandits as we know them.

Ed Bawden #475 writes that he enjoyed Ray Olson's - People's Outfitting Tokens in the April, 1972 issue of the Junk Box, and wonders if a follow up article might be of interest. Ed has three that are not listed: (1) PEOPLE'S GOLD STAR CLUB/MEMBER/(five pointed star with \$5 in center-rays around bottom)/PEOPLE'S OUTFITTING CO./122 MICHIGAN AVE. AT SHELBY. rev.- (around top) ONE COIN GOOD FOR /(star) \$5 (star)/ON ANY NEW PURCHASE/OF \$50 OR OVER IF/PRESENTED AT THE TIME/OF PURCHASE/(star with rays around bottom)ONLY ONE COIN/ACCEPTED ON ANY ONE PURCHASE. (2) obv. - same as (1) except instead of 122 MICHIGAN AVE. AT SHELBY --- DOWNTOWN - WESTSIDE. rev. - same (3) obv. - similar except "EAST-SIDE - DOWNTOWN - WESTSIDE"

Ed is interested if there are other varieties among our members???????

"CENTENNIAL RESEARCH"

At the Kalamazoo meeting, member Ed Bawden volunteered to research upcoming semi-centennials, centennials, bi-centennials, ect... material and information for our members. He has asked that any member knowing of an upcoming event let him know so he can compile all the information into one article.

This also is my field of interest, and I will be forwarding as much information I can to Ed. I hope each member will do the same. Send any celebration material to: Ed Bawden 2046 Acton, N.W., Grand Rapids, Mich. 49504

MICHIGAN CENTENNIALS

by Ed Bawden

At the Mich.-T.A.M.S. meeting in Kalamazoo, Paul asked me to see if I could get any information on 1978 Michigan city or county centennials.

As some of you may know, Edmore celebrated theirs on June 17 & 18. There were buttons and wooden nickels, but to the best of my knowledge, no metal tokens or medals. If someone has information to the contrary, please let me know. The wooden nickels may still be available at the Edmore Town Hall or Library.

The only other one this year that I have information on is Hermansville on July 1 - 4. This will probaly be over by the time this information gets to press.

If anyone has knowledge of any others, please write me.

Getting off the subject of future centennials, I am a relative novice in this collecting area. A couple of years ago, Norm Peterson sent me a list that had been compiled by a more advanced collector of past centennials and the type of tokens or medals that were available at them. The last year on the list is 1973. Also, the author qualified the listings as only for those the general public participated in.

I'd like to know how many Mich.-T.A.M.S. members would be interested in bringing this list up to date. I also have found several items that may not have quillified for the original list...(Grand Haven 1934, Kalamazoo 1929, ect..), and there are more I know.

Let me know if you would like to see the original list published in a future issue of the Junk Box. After that I would be happy to coordinate the receiving and organization of additions and extensions.

WAR TOKENS 1861 - 1865

The following paragraph appeared in The Star Rare Coin Encyclopedia, forty-third edition, Compiled and Published by B. Max Mehl, Copyright 1936, Fort worth, Texas.

"These tokens were issued by various parties, individuals, and firms during the war between the States. They were mostly issued in Northern States. There are about 5,000 different varieties. Most of them are about the size of our small cents. While not legal tender, they were passed and eccepted as 1¢ pieces. None are very valuable, as they were issued in very large numbers. We pay from 1¢ to 5¢ each depending on the variety and condition."

Interesting article in the fact that it's been 42 years sence that paragraph was written, and although they are asking more, quite a few dealers still seem to want to pay "from 1¢ to 5¢ each depending on the variety and condition". Also, we know that there are at least twice the number of varieties minted.

Editor

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN EXONUMIA

AE.....Bronze	Mg.....Magnesium
Ag.....Silver	mm.....Millimeter
Al.....Aluminum	Ni.....Nickel
Anc.....Ancient	Obv.....Obverse; Face
Au.....Gold	Pb.....Lead
Br.....Brass	Pl.....Plain
Comm.....Commemorative	Pl.Ed.....Plain Edge
Cmkd.....Countermarked	Rev.....Reverse; Back
Conv.....Convention	Sm.....Small
Cop-Nic...Copper-Nickel	Ty.....Type
Ctsp.....Counterstamped	Var.....Varieties
Cu.....Copper	w.....With
Fe.....Iron	w/out.....With Out
Lg.....Large	Wtd.....Wanted
Let.Ed....Lettered Edge	Yr.....Year

T.A.M.S. - Token and Medal Society

TERMS FREQUENTLY USED BY EXONUMIST

Alloy - Combination of two or more metals.

Altered - Changed for the intention of deception.

Blank - The planchet before it has been struck.

Civil War Token - A privately issued piece usually made to the size of the current small cent. Circulated as change during the Civil War because of the scarcity of small change.

Commemorative - A piece issued to mark, honor or observe an event, place, or person, or to preserve its memory.

Copy - A reproduction or imitation of an original.

Device or Type - The main design or principal element.

Duplicate - A piece identical to another.

Error - An item evidencing a mistake made in its manufacture.

Exergue - lower field.

Exonumia - Numismatic items not of government issue - medals, tokens, ect...

Exonumist - A person knowledgeable in the science of exonumia.

Field - The main part of the planchet on which the Device appears.

Forgery - An unauthorized copy made with the intent to deceive.

Genuine - Original

Terms cont....

Hard Times Tokens - A large cent size token serving as de-facto currency; bearing a politically inspired legend or advertising.

Legal Tender - Lawful monies.

Legend - Lettering or inscription.

Medal - Usually a piece of metal marked with a design or inscription, to honor a person, place or event.

Misprint - An error in printing.

Money - A medium of exchange.

Mule - Struck from two dies not intended for use together.

Numismatist - One who has a comprehensive knowledge of numismatics.

Numismatics - The study of coins, currencies, tokens, medals, orders & decorations, or similar material.

Obverse - Face or side with theme design.

Planchet - Piece of material forming the body; also called blank, or plan.

Reissue - Issued again after an extended lapse of time.

Restrike - Produced from original dies at a later date.

Reverse - Back or side opposite the obverse.

Scrip - Paper currency issued as a substitute for currency to private persons or organizations.

Specimen - Prepared as an example.

Spurious - A false piece made to deceive, often an original creation rather than a copy of a known item.

Store Card - A token intended as a medium of exchange bearing a business name.

Token - Usually made of durable material and issued for monetary, advertising, services or other purposes.

Uniface - Showing a design on one side only.

Unique - One of a kind; usually rare or uncommon.

Note: This is just a few of the abbreviations and terms used by the exnumist, but it may help the beginner collector understand a little more of his new hobby.

Publications consulted in compiling the preceding information:

- (1) Coin World Almanac - Coin World Staff, Amos Press Inc., Sidney, Ohio 45365, first deition, 1975
- (2) Coins, Questions and Answers - Carl Allenbaugh, Krause Publications, Iola, Wisconsin 54945, second edition, 1976
- (3) Let's Collect Coins, Ken Bressett, Whitman Publishing Co., Racine, Wisconsin, 1966

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are open for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Board members. Nominations will be accepted (in writing) from any member in good standing. If the nominations are accepted, they will be listed on the ballots that will accompany the next issue. A brief biography of each nominee will also be included in that issue.

Send Nominations to: Mrs. Alice Penzes 9312 W. Fort Detroit, Mich. 48209

DISPLAY CASES

Several members have mentioned to me that they would like to build their own display case. Next issue of the Junk Box will carry plans for building a case. I would like any member who has plans for a case to share them with us; giving other collectors a wide variety to chose from.

For collectors building their own cases, it would be helpful to remember that the A.N.A.'s Exhibit Rules state:

"A.N.A. cases have inside dimensions of 17-3/4 X 29-3/4 X 1-3/4 inches. Exhibitors providing their own cases will be limited to an equal amount of space that five A.N.A. cases use - 3,000 square inches of surface space. No exhibit will stand above the exhibit table more than twenty-two inches, Including exhibit lights if outlets are available."

ARTICLES NEEDED

Our membership contains some of the top collectors of tokens and medals that any organization could assemble. These members have assembled some of the finest collections ever seen. It is my thought that if the members would occasionally send in an article of interest about their collection, or field of collecting, our newsletters could be much more interesting and educational. If every member would write just one article of interest, and send it to me, the standard of our newsletter would greatly increase.

Editor

There are variables that determine the price a collector will pay for a particular token, but most of the time... "how much I want it" wins out.

***** HAPPY COLLECTING *****